(*c*) the reason for continuing the same tenderer without calling for a fresh tender even after the expiry of the period of his contract;

(*d*) whether the particulars of rates that are being given during the year 1940-41 to these contractors will be furnished (details to be supplied rangewar and coupewar);

(*e*) on what occasions were the tender rates increased;

(*f*) whether there were any conditions prescribed during the time of the acceptance of tenders that logs of particular measurements alone should be removed;

(*g*) whether the contractors of the several ranges of the taluk are either brothers or members of the same joint family of the Depot Agent and Licence Vendor of the Forest Department;

(*h*) whether there is not a departmental rule that those who are working as Government servants in the Forest Department should not take up contracts;

(*i*) whether it is not a fact that, for this reason, the contract is given in the name of some of his relatives; though actually he is doing it;

(*j*) whether it is not one of the conditions of the contract that the contractors should not carry on trade in timber either publicly or in private; whether none amongst them are carrying on trade in timber;

(*k*) what steps have been taken against those who have violated the rules;

(*l*) the distance from Begur R. C.—40-41 coupe and Marigudi R. C.—40-41 coupe to Mysore?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

A.—(*a*) (i) Carting timber, 1936-37.
(ii) Supply of fuel, 1939-40.

(*b*) *Vide* statements A and B. (Appendix.)

(*c*) In the cases in question, the contracts were renewed year after to the same persons as they had executed the work satisfactorily.

(*d*) *Vide* statements C and D. (Appendix.)

(*e*) Whenever there was a variation in the distances of transport.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Government have no information.

(*h*) Government servants are prohibited from being pecuniarily interested in a Government contract. (36 of the Rules for the Conduct of Public Servants).

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) This does not arse in view of reply to (*j*).

(*l*) (i) 54 miles.
(ii) 58 miles.

MR. C. CHOODE GOWDA (Closepet).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Post Offices newly started for the past ten years;

(*b*) the number of Post Offices that the Government intend to start during the current year;

(*c*) the number of villages with a population of over one thousand ;

(*d*) out of these how many villages have got post offices ;

(*e*) the number of village postmen employed in each taluk to deliver tappals ;

(*f*) the number of days in a week on which the village postman visits the respective villages to deliver the post ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya).—

A—(*a*) 45.

(*b*) 69 places have been selected for opening the Post Offices and the matter is engaging the attention of the Postal Department.

(*c*) 964.

(*d*) 357.

(*e*) and (*f*) Information is not readily available.

MR. BALLAM SRINIVASA RAO (Bowringpet—Rural).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased state :—

(*a*) (i) the number of units of water which the Amanikere at Ramasagara in Bowringpet taluk, Kolar district, can hold ;

(ii) the number of acres of wet and bagayet lands that can be supplied with water ;

(*b*) the number of acres of lands that are to be fed from each of the canals Nos. I, II, III and IV (Information to be given village-war) ;

(*c*) (i) the number of Jodi villages which are dependent upon the tank for cultivation ;

(ii) the number of acres of land in these Jodi villages which are meant to be fed by this tank (1) permanently and (2) temporarily and under which canal ;

(*d*) the difference in level between the waste weirs Nos. 2 and 3.

(*e*) the length of each of these channels.

(*f*) (i) the number of times representations praying for the mitigation of the difficulties of the raiyats due to inadequate water supply through the No. 11 canal has come before this house, the taluk conferences and district conferences since 1927 ;

(ii) the solution that Government have offered ;

(*g*) whether water was not flowing from the No. 3 waste weir to the lands under No. 11 canal through Jondukalve before the tank was repaired ;

(*h*) (i) when were the wet lands of Tutepalli and Masturu villages dependent upon this tank for water converted into dry lands ; (ii) the reason for the same ; (iii) whether there is a separate tank for Tutepalli ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) (i) 1,730 units.

(ii) Achkat acres 1,045-33 guntas.

(*b*) Information available in the Ramasagara Tank and Channels Hand Book is furnished, *vide* annexure. (Appendix).

(*c*) (i) Four.